



Wiki and Blog Permission Form

The privacy laws require us to have the specific permission of parents if we are to publish student work or student photographs/images online. Such material is published primarily to acknowledge student achievement and share learning activities with the community. Wikis and blogs have become a part of daily learning activities at Livingstone Primary School and we are seeking permission for students to post their first names, photos, comments and work online through their class and personal wikis and blogs.

What is a wiki?

A wiki is a place to share information. It is essentially a place to find up to date information about what's going on. In its true form, wikis can be added to and edited by members so that what is seen is the most up to date information available. Wikis are collaborative learning spaces where students can ask questions of their peers and teachers and add to discussions.

What is a blog?

A blog is an online journal where students can record and reflect on their learning. Blogs give students a wider audience as parents can also view what they're doing and leave comments.

Why use wikis and blogs?

Using wikis and blogs are also a great way for students to improve their ICT skills and get experience using an emerging technology. Students improve their literacy skills while blogging or contributing to a wiki and they provide a fantastic opportunity for students to learn about appropriate online behaviours.

Online Safety

Keeping our students personal details private is of upmost important to us. If you give permission for your child to contribute to blogs and wikis by adding their work, pictures, comments and photos etc, you must complete this form and return it to school. Wikis cannot be "Googled" therefore to find a wiki you must know its web address.

The following **guidelines** have been established to ensure our blogs and wikis are kept secure.

- Students will only be identified by their first name only.
- Students will not publish personal details about themselves.
- Each class has discussed blog and wiki rules, cyber safety and appropriateness of content before students begin working on blogs and wikis. These rules will be constantly reinforced.
- All comments posted on wikis and blogs can be viewed by teachers and the principal and will be monitored to ensure that they are appropriate.
- Parents may contribute comments to discussions on class wikis and blogs, however for privacy reasons, we request that you use your first name only please.

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

(Please Circle)

- I agree to my child's photo, comments, work and first name being published online on class and personal wikis and blogs for learning purposes. Yes / No

Signed _____ Date _____

Parent's Name _____

Please contact the school if you have any concerns related to a privacy issue